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e) activating a non-evaporable getter after the degassing step and

during the baking step;

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f) sealing the evacuation tube during the baking step; and

g) after the baking step, activating the evaporable getter.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-14 and 16-26 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 13, 25 and 26 being independent.

Claims 1, 2, 4-14 and 16-24 are submitted to be allowable for the reasons set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection dated June 12, 2002.

It is noted that the Advisory Action mailed June 24, 2002, included, as an attachment, U.S. Patent No. 2,714,785 (Roovers). Attached comments indicate that this patent was cited to support the assertion in the previous Office Action (mailed March 12, 2002) that it is "routine" to continue evacuation through an exhaust tube until the tube is sealed. It is respectfully submitted, however, that Roovers does not activate a getter and continue the evacuation while the getter is activated as recited in Applicants' claimed invention. Moreover, the attached comments fail to set forth any incentive or motivation for combining Roovers with the other cited art. Therefore, a *prima facia* case of obviousness has not been established.

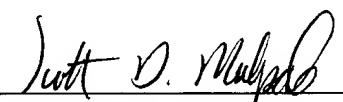
Claims 25 and 26 have been added to provide an additional scope of protection.

Support for Claim 25 can be found, for example, in Figure 12 and the specification beginning on page 32, line 4. Support for Claim 26 can be found, for example, in Figure 18 and the specification beginning on page 45, line 17.

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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